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1. In May 1952, Dimitrovgrad reached its assigned norm of 60,000 workers. The Stalin Factory (ATZ--Azotno-Torov Zavod; Nitrogen Fertilizers Plant "Stalin") employs approximately 1,200 workers and the Vülko Chevenkov Plant (TETA--Termo Elektricheska Tsentrala; Electric Heating Plant "Vülko Chervenkov," formerly the TETs Maritsa III) employs approximately 2,000 workers. Others work in the cement factory, the canning factory, in building trades, the coal mines, etc.
2. The Stalin Factory and the Vülko Chervenkov plant operate on three 8-hour shifts per day; only office personnel and some laborers are employed solely on the day shift. These two enterprises have a total of approximately 1,500 Soviet specialists, both men and women, who receive two and three times as much pay as the Bulgarian specialists who are employed on the same jobs.
3. [] large electric motors and air pumps which were on the roofs of the air processing buildings. [] four pumping stations set next to large excavated wells for the purpose of pumping water from the Maritsa River into the factories and plants. The water is conducted from the pumping stations to the plant through very large pipes. Inside the plants, there are other pumps which distribute the water throughout the various departments. 25X1 25X1
4. The air is pumped into special machines for breaking it down into its component parts. The nitrogen is stored in tanks and the oxygen is relayed to the 25X1 department of the plant.
5. [] large cauldrons in some of the departments [] observed small closed steel furnaces, around which workers wear masks at all times. The flame in the furnaces can be seen only through a small window, and there is a strong smell of ammonia around the furnaces. 25X1
6. The ATZ Stalin and the TETs Vülko Chervenkov began operations on 5 November 1951, although actual production did not begin at the ATZ until 1 April 1952, at which

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time the factory was regularly producing fertilizer. The "fertilizer" took the form of round white-colored objects, approximately five millimeters in diameter and spherical in shape. causing some of the objects to explode. The "fertilizer" is very light and is packed in paper bags, each weighing 50 kilos, and is transported from the factory in trucks to an unknown destination. The factory has a special railroad loading platform for the fertilizer, but it was not in use in May 1952. 25X1

7. All plant officials, clerks, and technicians receive their passes directly from the factory director or the lieutenant of the Interior Troops stationed at the main entrance.
8. A laborer, in order to obtain a pass, must get a note from the foreman inside the plants, after which the management office issues a pass. This pass is presented at the main entrance where the lieutenant of the Interior Troops stamps the pass and indicates the department for which this pass is valid. Passes may be changed every one or two months, or in accordance with the ruling of the plant director. 25X1

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